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SUBJ: COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS EL SALVADOR TO
DISCUSS CARAZO INITIATIVE ON NICARAGUA

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1. COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTER RAFAEL ANGEL CALDERON FOURNIER
ARRIVED IN SAN SALVADOR ON SEPTEMBER 6, 197. HE REPORTEDLY
MET WITH PRESIDENT CARLOS HUMBERTO ROMERO AND FOREIGN MINISTER
JOSE ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ PORTH TO DISCUSS COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT
RODRIGO CARAZO'S EFFORTS TO CALL A MEETING OF THE HEADS OF
STATE OF COSTA RICA, EL SALVADOR, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA
CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN NICARAGUA (SEE REFTEL). IN INTER-
VIEWS WITH THE SALVADORAN PRESS, CALDERON STATED THAT AN
EXACT DATE FOR SUCH A MEETING HAD NOT YET BEEN PROPOSED. HE
ADDED THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSE OF SUCH A MEETING
WOULD BE TO "SEEK PEACE AND TRANQUILITY IN CENTRAL
AMERICA, WHICH FOUND ITSELF DISTURBED BY THE
EXISTING SITUATION IN NICARAGUA." CALDERON ADDED THAT
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HE THOUGHT THE MEETING OF THE FOUR HEADS OF STATE WOULD
ALSO TOUCH ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN
COMMON MARKET.

2. IN SPEAKING TO THE SALVADORAN PRESS ABOUT THE GOCR
ALLOWING EDEN PASTORA (THE "COMMANDANTE CERO" WHO HEADED
THE FSLN GROUP THAT TOOK OVER THE NATIONAL PALACE IN

MANAGUA ON AUGUST 22) TO RETURN TO COSTA RICA, CALDERON SAID THAT "THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA HAS TAKEN MEASURES NOT TO GRANT POLITICAL ASYLUM TO PEOPLE WANTED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN COUNTRIES THAT SHARE BORDERS WITH COSTA RICA." HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT IN THE CASE OF PASTORA, THE GOCR COULD NOT VERY WELL HAVE REFUSED HIM ADMITTANCE SINCE HE IS A COSTA RICAN CITIZEN. CALDERON REPORTEDLY COMMENTED THAT IF COSTA RICA RECEIVED AN EXTRADITION REQUEST ON PASTORA FROM THE AUTHORITIES IN NICARAGUA, THAT THE CASE WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP BY THE COSTA RICAN SUPREME COURT AND "POSSIBLY" THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE IN THE HAGUE. HE REPORTEDLY ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS ONLY ONE POLITICAL ASYLEE IN COSTA RICA, A "SANDINISTA" WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT DIVULGE.

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